HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Thomas A. "Tom" Rice to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, as amended by Chapter 993 of the Public Acts of 2012, provides for the creation of the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201, further provides that the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two (2) members to such commission; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Beth Harwell, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has recently appointed Thomas A. "Tom" Rice of Davidson County to serve on the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice will serve a term on the commission that expires on February 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice is an outdoorsman who is well informed in the subject of the conservation of game animals, birds, and fish within this state; and

WHEREAS, he is involved in Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, and the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, which he formerly served as chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice is the President/Owner of Sweeping Corporation of America, Inc., and holds a bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice is fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife, Debbie, and their son, Hunter; and

WHEREAS, as a fish and wildlife commissioner, Mr. Rice is looking forward to "learning how a state agency operates and is funded"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rice's experience and dedication to wildlife and conservation issues would be a tremendous asset to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-201(b)(1), provides that the members appointed to the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission by the speaker of the house of representatives shall be confirmed by the house conservation and environment committee and the senate energy and environment committee and by joint resolution of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Thomas A. "Tom" Rice of Davidson County to a two-year, eight-month term on the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission, such term to expire on February 28, 2015.